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SUBJECT: RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF MILK PRODUCTS

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1. FOR POSTS' INFORMATION, AND FOR USE ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS, THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF USDA PRESS RELEASE DATED SEPTEMBER 24 UNDER HEADING QTE MILK IMPORT REGULATIONS STRENGTHENED TO PREVENT FOREIGN LIVESTOCK DISEASES. UNQTE

2. BEGIN TEXT:

TOUGHER RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS FROM COUNTRIES INFECTED WITH FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE (FMD) AND RINDERPEST WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA).

OFFICIALS OF USDA'S ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS) SAID STRONGER REGULATIONS WERE NEEDED ON NONFAT DRY MILK AND CERTAIN OTHER MILK PRODUCTS IF THEY ORIGINATE IN OR ARE SHIPPED THROUGH COUNTRIES INFECTED WITH FMD OR RINDERPEST.

APHIS OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT IMPORTS OF FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS TRADITIONALLY HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED FROM THESE INFECTED COUNTRIES.

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 25, THE NEW REGULATIONS PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING WITH RESPECT TO PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN OR SHIPPED FROM SUCH INFECTED COUNTRIES:

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--CHEESE, BUTTER AND BUTTEROIL ARE SPECIFICALLY EXEMPT FROM IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.

--CONCENTRATED LIQUID MILK OR MILK PRODUCTS MAY BE IMPORTED IF THEY HAVE BEEN PROCESSED BY HEAT TREATMENT IN HERMETICALLY SEALED METAL CONTAINERS SO THAT THEY CAN BE STORED WITHOUT REFRIGERATION.

--DRQ MILK OR MILK PRODUCTS MAY BE IMPORTED ONLY FOR TRANSPORT UNDER GOVERNMENT SEAL FROM THE PORT OF ENTRY TO APPROVED WAREHOUSES AND APPROVED PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENTS FOR USE IN HUMAN FOOD PRODUCTS.

--OTHER MILK OR MILK PRODUCTS MAY BE IMPORTED ONLY WITH THE PRIOR PERMISSION OF APHIS, AND ONLY UNDER CONDITIONS THAT WILL CREATE NO THREAT TO THE HEALTH OF U.S. LIVESTOCK.

--SMALL AMOUNTS OF MILK OR MILK PRODUCTS MAY BE BROUGHT IN--WITH APHIS PERMISSION--FOR TESTING OR ANALYSIS.

PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN AND SHIPPED FROM FMD AND RINDERPEST-FREE COUNTRIES MAY BE SHIPPED THROUGH INFECTED COUNTRIES ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES ONLY IF THEY ARE SEALED IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND STRICT CONTROLS ARE TAKEN TO ASSURE DELIVERY OF UNCONTAMINATED PRODUCTS.

PROPOSED REGULATIONS AFFECTING IMPORTS OF THESE PRODUCTS WERE FIRST PUBLISHED IN THE SEPTEMBER 6, 1973, AND MARCH 6, 1974, ISSUES OF THE FEDERAL REGISTER (USDA PRESS RELEASES 2754-73 AND 616-74). AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE MANY COMMENTS RECEIVED ON BOTH, A CHANGE WAS MADE TO DELETE THAT PART OF THE PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD HAVE PERMITTED UNRESTRICTED IMPORTATION OF STERILIZED MILK, AND ADD THIS CATEGORY OF PRODUCT TO THE GROUP WHICH REQUIRES SPECIAL ADVANCE AUTHORIZATION FROM APHIS OFFICIALS. OTHER PROPOSED EXEMPTIONS FOR CONSUMER-SIZE PACKAGES OF DRY MILK PRODUCTS AND FOR SMALL QUANTITIES FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION WERE ALSO DELETED.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE NEW REGULATIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED UNCLASSIFIED

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IN THE SEPTEMBER 25, 1975 FEDERAL REGISTER.

END TEXT.

3. FYI. FOLLOWING ARE PRESENTLY CERTIFIED AS FREE OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE:

AUSTRALIA, BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, BERMUDA, BRITISH HONDURAS, CANADA, COSTA RICA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, EL SALVADOR, FIJI, FINLAND, GREENLAND, GUATEMALA, HAITI, HONDURAS, ICELAND, IRELAND, JAMAICA, JAPAN, MEXICO, NEW ZEALAND, NICARAGUA, NORWAY, PANAMA, PANAMA CANAL ZONE, SWEDEN, TRINIDAD/TOBAGO, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, AND UNITED KINGDOM. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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